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SUBJ: SUMMARY OF ANALYSIS OF SOVIET STATEMENT OF APRIL 7, 1976
(SALT TWO-973)

1. SOVIET STATEMENT OF APRIL 7 WAS UNRESPONSIVE TO US QUESTIONS OF MARCH 31 EXCEPT THAT SEMENOV STATED: "THE SIDES CAN HAVE ONLY SUCH ICBM LAUNCHERS AS WERE SPECIALLY DEVELOPED, AND CONSEQUENTLY TESTED, AND DEPLOYED FOR LAUNCHING SPECIFICALLY ICBMS". ITS PURPOSE WAS PROBABLY TO EXPLAIN THAT "SPECIALLY" DOES NOT CREATE A LOOPHOLE. "TESTING" IS TREATED AS PART OF DEVELOPMENT. SOVIETS DID NOT RESPOND TO US QUESTIONS REGARDING CRITERIA OR TYPE RULE. IN ADDITION, SOVIET LANGUAGE WOULD EXCLUDE FROM AGGREGATE LAUNCHERS DEVELOPED FOR BOTH ICBMS AND IRBMS, BUT DEPLOYED WITH IRBMS ALONE (RECALL SS-16/SS-20 PROBLEM).

2. INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOVIETS SUGGEST AGREEMENT ON SUBSTANCE MAY BE CLOSER THAN FORMAL STATEMENTS INDICATE. DELEGATION PLANS TO PURSUE THESE ISSUES.

3. BASED ON A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE APRIL 7 SOVIET STATEMENT AND INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS, I WILL MAKE A
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STATEMENT IN PLENARY ON WEDNESDAY WHICH CONSOLIDATES POINTS OF

APPARENT AGREEMENT AND NARROWS OUR DIFFERENCES IN OTHER AREAS.
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